

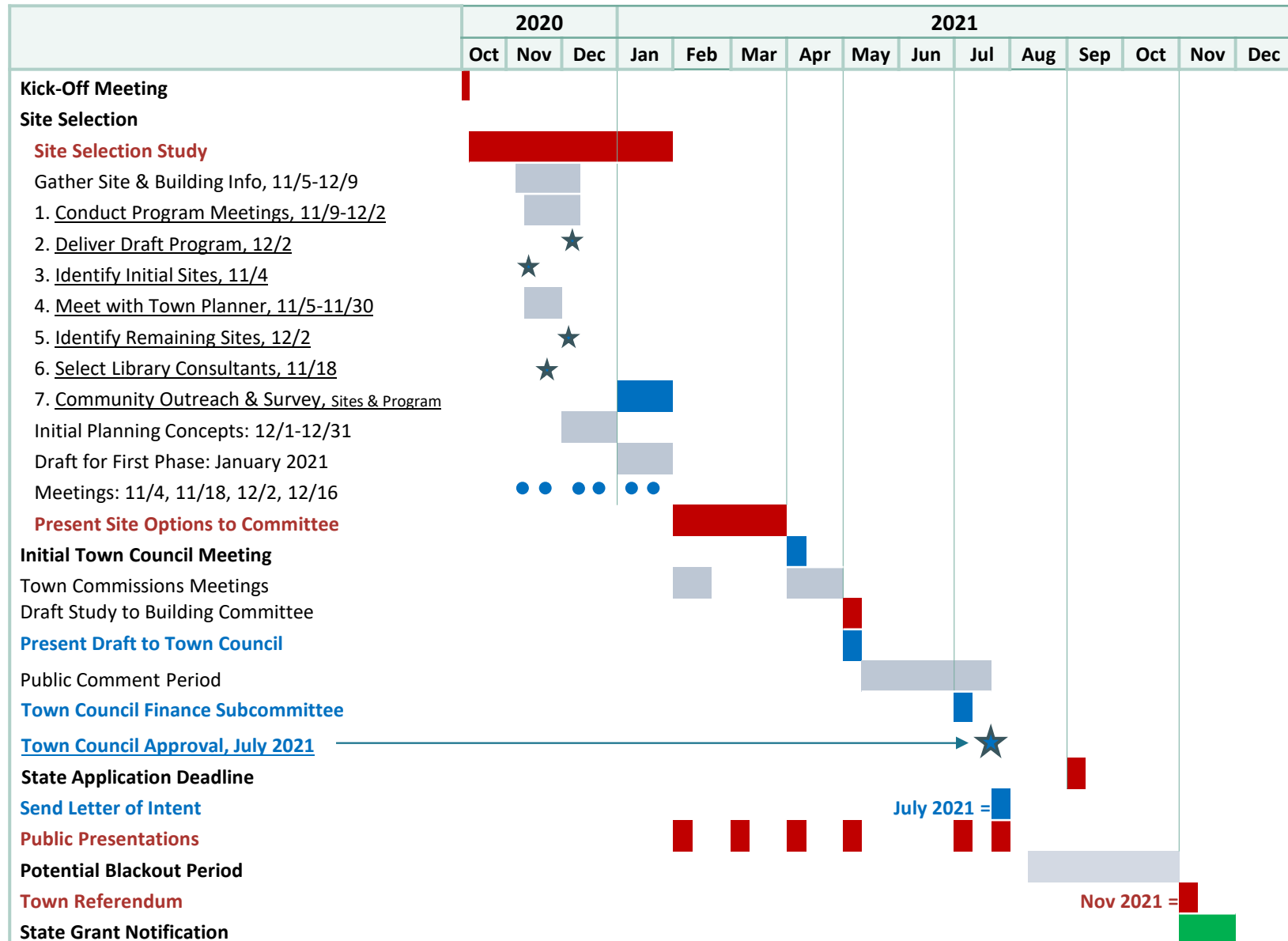
Bloomfield Library – Planning Study

Town of Bloomfield

Project Summary for Building Committee

October 20, 2021

Reminder – Pre-Referendum Milestones Have Been Met



Reminder – Public Survey and Program Development

Library Consultants:
Alan and Leslie Berger
Library Development Solutions

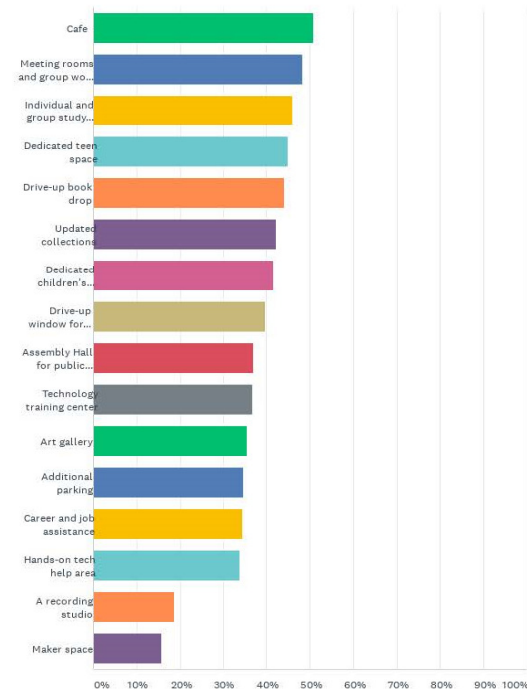
Of those taking the survey, 66% had Bloomfield Public Library cards. Another 6% of respondents use cards from area libraries other than Bloomfield, 4% use the library without a card and 10% report that their card has expired.

Many respondents report using the Bloomfield Public Library exclusively. Those who use other libraries choose these area libraries: West Hartford Public Library (34%), Hartford Public Library (29%), Windsor Public Library (27%), Simsbury (20%) and a smaller number at other area libraries. Reasons for using other libraries include easier parking, better browsing, better hours, to attend a program, to pick up a specific book, along with a preference for more modern and easier to use facilities.

Our family is so grateful to the Prosser Library Staff for getting us through this pandemic in such a positive and helpful manner. We'd like to express our appreciation for your help and professionalism

When asked how important the library was to the respondent and his or her family, 72% indicated it was extremely or very important. In response to how important the library is to the Town of Bloomfield, 90% said extremely or very important. The 18% gap between these two is an indicator of the once in a lifetime opportunity Bloomfield has to reimagine and renew its libraries to meet the challenges of the next generations of Bloomfield children, families and all residents. The need to provide attractive and modern facilities and services will deliver experiences and resources that all residents desire and deserve.

When asked to select features of modern library space that may appeal to them, respondents' leading choices include a café, meeting rooms and group work rooms, group and individual study spaces and dedicated teen space.



The Referendum Question on November 2, 2021

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL AUGUST 9, 2021 (Improvements to Town Libraries)

Item 20/21-95

RESOLVED, that the resolution entitled "RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BLOOMFIELD APPROPRIATING \$29,255,000 FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO TOWN LIBRARIES AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND NOTES IN THE SAME AMOUNT TO FINANCE THE APPROPRIATION," as introduced at the Town Council meeting held June 28, 2021 and with respect to which a public hearing was held on July 12, 2021, is hereby adopted; that the full text of the resolution be recorded with the minutes of this meeting; and, that the Town Clerk and the Clerk of the Council are hereby directed to provide due and legal notice of the passage of the resolution.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the resolution be submitted to the electors of the Town for approval or disapproval at referendum to be held Tuesday, November 2, 2021, in conjunction with the election to be held on that same date. The Town Clerk is directed to publish notice of the referendum, which shall be incorporated into the notice of said election. The ballot heading for the resolution shall read as follows:

"SHALL THE TOWN OF BLOOMFIELD APPROPRIATE \$29,255,000 FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO TOWN LIBRARIES AND AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND NOTES IN THE SAME AMOUNT TO FINANCE THE APPROPRIATION?"

Electors approving the resolution shall vote "Yes" and those opposed to the resolution shall vote "No". Polls shall be open between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 8 p.m.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is directed and authorized to prepare and distribute a concise explanatory text regarding the question for the approval or disapproval of the resolution, and the Town Manager is authorized, in such official's discretion, to prepare and distribute additional explanatory materials regarding said question; such text and explanatory material is to be subject to the approval of the Town Attorney and to be prepared and distributed in accordance with Section 9-369b of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended.

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Attachment to Minutes: Bond Resolution

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(b) That the Town issue its bonds or notes in an amount not to exceed TWENTY-NINE MILLION TWO HUNDRED FIFTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$29,255,000) to finance the appropriation for the project. The amount of the bonds or notes issued shall be reduced by the amount of grants or other funds, if any, received by the Town for the project and not separately appropriated to pay additional costs of the project. The bonds or notes shall be issued pursuant to Section 7-369 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended, and any other enabling acts. The bonds or notes shall be general obligations of the Town secured by the irrevocable pledge of the full faith and credit of the Town.

(c) That the Town issue and renew its temporary notes from time to time in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds from the sale of the bonds or notes and the receipt of grants or other funds received for the project. The amount of the notes outstanding at any time shall not exceed TWENTY-NINE MILLION TWO HUNDRED FIFTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$29,255,000). The notes shall be issued pursuant to Section 7-378 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended. The notes shall be general obligations of the Town, secured by the irrevocable pledge of the full faith and credit of the Town. The Town shall comply with the provisions of Section 7-378a of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended, if the notes do not mature within the time permitted by said Section 7-378.

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Two Library Buildings: Referendum Vote on November 2, 2021



Design Under Consideration

McMahon Wintonbury Library

1015 Blue Hills Ave, Bloomfield, CT 06002



Design Under Consideration

Prosser Library

1 Tunxis Ave, Bloomfield, CT 06002

Anticipated Features of the New Libraries

- More Space
- More Technology
- Children's Space
- Teen Area
- More Parking
- Energy Efficient / Solar Panels
- More Study Spaces
- ADA Compliant
- Community Meeting Areas
- Cafés

For more information about this exciting project, visit: bplct.org



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https://bplct.org

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BLOOMFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY
We're here for you!

McMahon Wintonbury Library
860-242-0041
1015 Blue Hills Ave., Bloomfield, CT 06002

Prosser Library
860-243-9721
1 Tunxis Ave., Bloomfield, CT 06002

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Big Read
Children
Teens
Adults
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Poetry Sharing Page
Community

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Click here for more information about the building project

Countdown to Library Vote
November 2, 2021

13 DAYS
12 HOURS
17 MINUTES
43 SECONDS

LIBRARY HOURS

McMahon Wintonbury
Mon: 11am – 6pm
Tue: 11am – 6pm
Wed: 11am – 8pm

We're Here for You!

- Masks and social distancing are required in Bloomfield Public Library buildings
- Computers/browsing/reference services/study space available
- Technology services (computer, printer, scanner, copier, fax)
- Call ahead for curbside delivery, or email print requests to askbplct@gmail.com

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- **Press Release** (10/14/21)
- **TSKP Studio Updated Prosser Library Rendering** (8/25/21)
- **Town Council Public Hearing on Resolution for Town Libraries** (7/12/21)
- **LBC presentation to Finance Committee** (6/21/21)
- **LBC presentation to Town Council** (6/14/21)
- **LBC presentation to CEEC** (6/10/21)
- **LBC presentation to Town Council** (5/24/2021)
- **TSKP Studio BPL Final Report with Recommendations** (5/12/2021 Draft)
- **TSKP Studio BPL Plans Presentation** (5/12/2021)
- **BPL Building Project Info Session Recording** (4/28/2021)
- **Library Survey Report: We Hear You!** (Full Report)
- **Library Survey Report: We Hear You!** (Executive Summary)
- **2020 Library Planning Study by TSKP Studio** (11/12/20)
- **Library Building History Presentation by TSKP Studio** (8/26/20)
- **Building Committee Details**

Press Releases

Please click the links below to view press releases:

- **"Bloomfield libraries plan would reconstruct Prosser and enlarge McMahon" by Steven Goode**
Hartford Courant (5-25-21)
- **"Library Committee Considers Expansion" by Steven Goode**
Hartford Courant (3/19/21)
- **"Time for a Modern Library Worthy of Bloomfield" by Greg Davis**
Bloomfield Messenger (2/26/21)
- **"The Mayor's Corner" by Suzette DeBeatham-Brown**
Bloomfield Messenger (8/14/20)

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16-Jun-21

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Draft Budget

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16 mo
2022

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8,918 sf
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6,023 sf
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47,916 sf
0 lf
10 mo
2022

BP #	DESCRIPTION	EST VALUE	Cost / Unit	EST VALUE	Cost / Unit
0.1	PROJECT REQUIREMENTS	\$ 500,000	\$31,250 /mo	\$ 312,500	\$31,250 /mo
1.2	FINAL CLEANING	\$ 28,574	\$1.03 /sf	\$ 9,161	\$1.03 /sf
2.1	DEMOLITION & ABATEMENT - PROSSER EXISTING - 21,840 SF	\$ 398,580	\$14.33 /sf	N/A	N/A
2.1	DEMOLITION & ABATEMENT - REILLY LUMBER - 6,000 SF	\$ 75,000	\$2.70	N/A	N/A
2.1	DEMOLITION & ABATEMENT - MCMAHON SELECTIVE 6,023 SF	\$ N/A	N/A	\$ 96,368	\$10.81 /sf
3.1	CONCRETE	\$ 684,545	\$24.61 /sf	\$ 90,688	\$10.17 /sf
4.1	MASONRY PROSSER	\$ 1,154,406	\$41.50 /sf	\$ 333,243	\$37.37 /sf
5.1	STRUCTURAL STEEL & MISCELLANEOUS METALS - See Note 2	\$ 851,131	\$30.60 /sf	\$ 98,897	\$11.09 /sf
6.1	TIMBER FRAMING & DECKING IN LIEU OF STRUCT STL	\$ 728,057	\$26.17 /sf	NIC	NIC
6.1	STRUCTURAL REPAIR AND PATCH	\$ 775,000	NIC	NIC	NIC
6.2	WOOD RAIN SCREEN, VERTICAL WOOD SCREEN & SUNSHADE	\$ 297,464	\$27.86 /sf	NIC	NIC
6.3	ARCHITECTURAL MILLWORK	\$ 294,715	\$10.69 /sf	\$ 113,202	\$12.69 /sf
7.1	ROOFING SYSTEM	\$ 1,265,674	\$45.50 /sf	\$ 94,484	\$10.59 /sf
8.1	GLASS & GLAZING	\$ 1,182,090	\$42.50 /sf	\$ 409,982	\$45.97 /sf
9.1	DRYWALL & GENERAL TRADES	\$ 91,463	\$3.29 /sf	\$ 303,714	\$34.06 /sf
9.3	TILE & CARPET	\$ 120,277	\$4.32 /sf	\$ 29,323	\$3.29 /sf
9.4	ACOUSTICAL CEILINGS	\$ 303,084	\$10.90 /sf	\$ 38,580	\$4.32 /sf
9.5	FLOORING	\$ 125,177	\$4.50 /sf	\$ 97,167	\$10.90 /sf
9.6	PAINTING	\$ 156,000	\$52.000 /stp	\$ 40,131	\$4.50 /sf
14.1	ELEVATOR	\$ 152,994	\$5.50 /sf	N/A	N/A
21.1	FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEM	\$ 514,615	\$18.50 /sf	\$ 49,049	\$5.50 /sf
22.1	PLUMBING SYSTEM	\$ 1,210,040	\$43.50 /sf	\$ 164,983	\$18.50 /sf
23.1	HVAC SYSTEM	\$ 973,579	\$35.00 /sf	\$ 401,310	\$45.00 /sf
26.1	ELECTRICAL SYSTEM	\$ 263,734	\$9.48 /sf	\$ 312,130	\$35.00 /sf
26.2	SOLAR SYSTEM	\$ 2,046,883	\$73.58 /sf	\$ 88,440	\$9.47 /sf
31.1	SITEWORK	\$ 240,000	\$2,181.82 /lf	\$ 679,449	\$76.19 /sf
	PRE-FAB BRIDGE - MATERIAL (110 lf)	\$ 36,000	\$327.27 /lf	N/A	N/A
	PRE-FAB BRIDGE - LABOR	\$ 150,000	\$1,363.64 /lf	N/A	N/A
	PRE-FAB BRIDGE - SITE & CONC - MAT & LABOR			N/A	N/A
ESTIMATED COST OF CONSTRUCTION		\$ 14,819,093	\$ 526 /sf	\$ 8,758,780	\$ 421 /sf
	STATE EDUCATION FEE	\$ 3,801	0.026%	\$ 977	0.026%
	BUILDING PERMIT FEE	NIC		NIC	
	STAFF	\$ 730,480	\$45,655 /mo	\$ 341,350	\$34,135 /mo
	GENERAL REQUIREMENTS	\$ 121,600	\$7,600 /mo	\$ 35,000	\$3,500 /mo
	PRECONSTRUCTION SERVICES & ADDL SERVICES	\$ 39,495	\$ 7,899 /mo	\$ 13,165	\$ 2,633 /mo
	GENERAL INSURANCE	\$ 116,359	0.75%	\$ 31,120	0.75%
	CMR FEE	\$ 468,925	3.0%	\$ 125,412	3.0%
	CONTINGENCY - (DESIGN & ESTIMATING)	\$ 1,609,975	10%	\$ 563,817	15%
	CONTINGENCY - (CM Construction)	\$ 531,292	3%	\$ 121,741	3%
	CM P & P BONDS	\$ 145,928	0.80%	\$ 39,931	0.80%
ESTIMATED HARD COSTS		\$ 18,386,948	\$ 661 /sf	\$ 5,031,292	\$ 564 /sf
	Furniture, Equipment, Shelving	\$ 750,000		\$ 100,000	
	A/E Fees	\$ 1,393,000		\$ 340,000	
	A/E Reimbursables	\$ 7,500		\$ 2,500	
	Builders Risk Insurance	\$ 25,000		\$ 5,000	
	Haz Mat Consultant	\$ 25,000		\$ 5,000	
	Other Consult. (LEED)	\$ 40,000		\$ 10,000	
	Commissioning Agent	\$ 30,000		\$ 10,000	
	Testing Fees	\$ 45,000		\$ 5,000	
	Owner's Rep or Clerk of Works	\$ 112,500		\$ 37,500	
	Moving Expenses	\$ 100,000		\$ 50,000	
	Legal & Accounting Expenses	\$ 125,000		\$ 125,000	
	Computer Equipment, Server & Network	\$ 237,300		\$ 50,000	
	Phones, Voice & Video Equipment	\$ 39,000		\$ 10,000	
	Security Equipment, Incl. Book Security	\$ 35,000		\$ 20,000	
	Swing Space Costs	\$ 90,000		\$ 30,000	
	Owner Project Contingency - 7.5%	\$ 1,570,000	7.5%	\$ 412,000	7.5%
TOTAL SOFT COSTS		\$ 4,624,300	\$ 166 /sf	\$ 1,212,000	\$ 136 /sf
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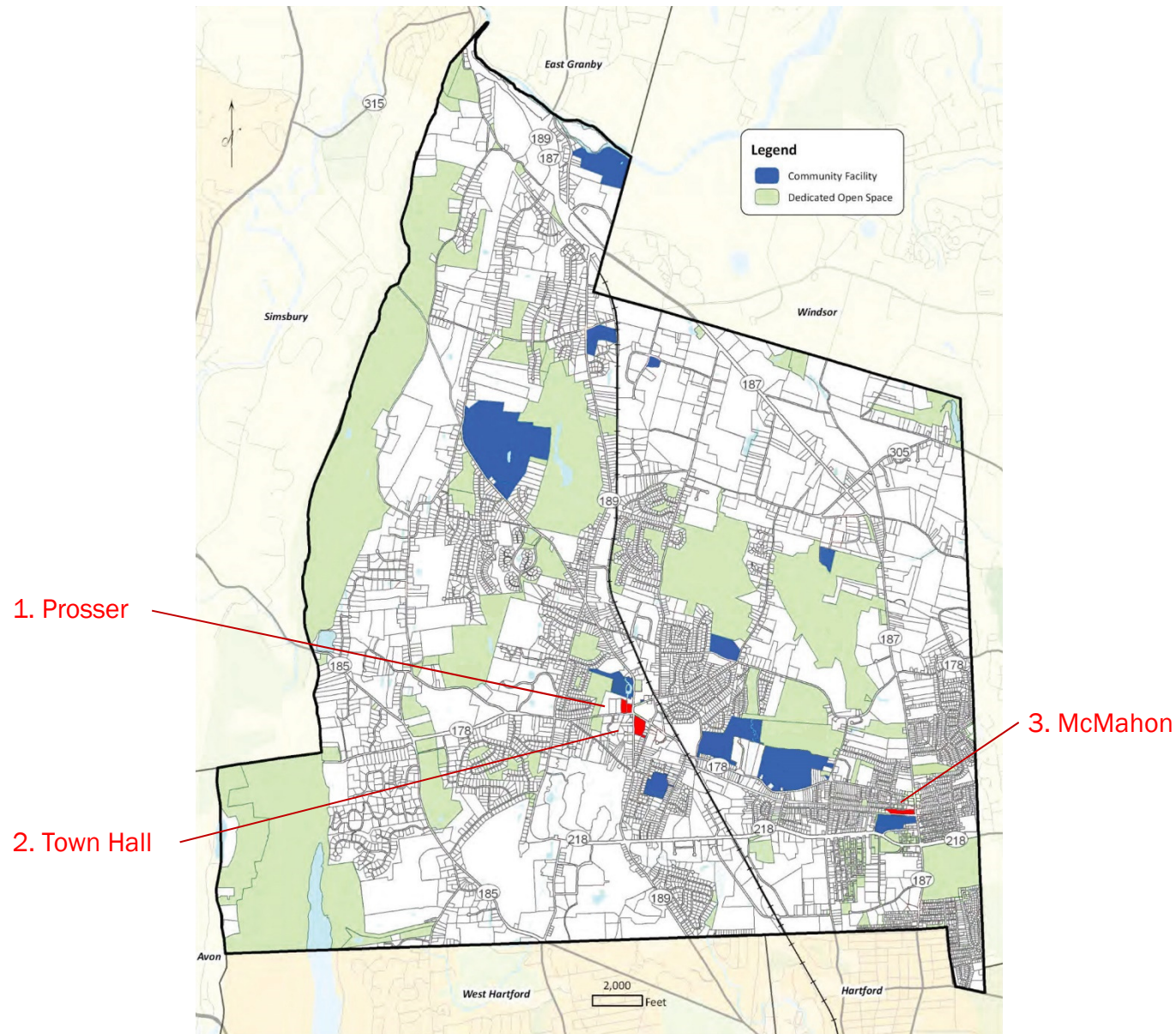
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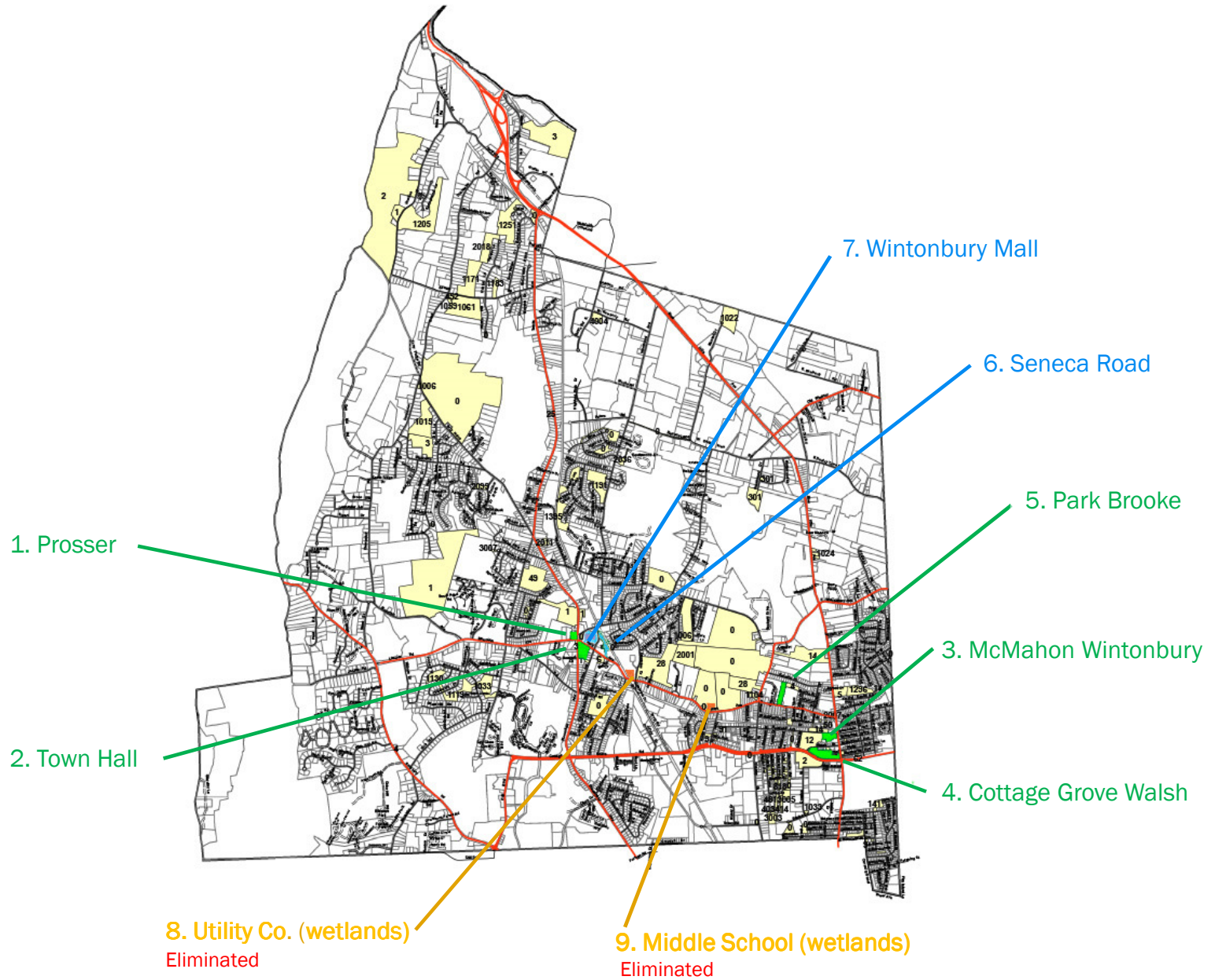
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Reminder of Site Search – Initial Three Sites



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Reminder of Site Selection



Reminder of Site Selection Criteria

			Site Selection Criteria					
			Acquisition Cost	Adequate Buildable Land	Room for Expansion	Supports Development Plan	Site Challenges: Wetlands, Flooding	
Site 1. Prosser Library	1 Tunxis Ave.	3.31 Acres	N	Y	N	Y	Y	TSKP recommends studying further.
Site 2. Town Hall	800 Bloomfield Ave.	6.08 Acres	N	Y	N	Y	N	TSKP recommends studying further.
Site 3. McMahon Wintonbury Library	1015 Blue Hills Ave.	3.43 Acres	N	Y	Y	TBD	N	TSKP recommends studying further.
Site 4. Corner Property Cottage Grove Walsh	Blue Hills & Cottage Grove Rd	4.78 Acres	N	N	N	TBD	Y	TSKP recommends eliminating from further consideration. Site has wetlands.
Site 5. Park Brooke		Acreage TBD	N	N	N	TBD	N	TSKP recommends eliminating from further consideration. Site is too narrow.
Site 6. Seneca Road	Seneca Road & Jerome Ave.	Acreage TBD	Y	N	N	TBD	N	TSKP recommends eliminating from further consideration. Acquisition costs TBD. Site is too small.
Site 7. Wintonbury Mall	Park Ave.	Acreage TBD						

Reminder of Cost Factors

A. Construction Cost

Site Work, Haz-Mat Demo and Abatement, Building Demolition, New Construction, Renovation of Existing Building, Estimating Contingency

B. Other Costs

Site Acquisition, Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment, A/E Fees, Misc. Expenses, CM Fees, Design Contingency, Other Consultants, Testing Fees, Owner's Rep., Moving Expenses, Legal & Accounting Expenses, Computer Equipment, Server & Network, Voice and Video Equipment, Security Equipment, Swing Space Costs, Mothballing Expenses

C. Owner's Project Contingency

Typically a percentage of A+B, perhaps 10%

D. TOTAL Project Cost (A+B+C)

Reminder of Cost Comparison

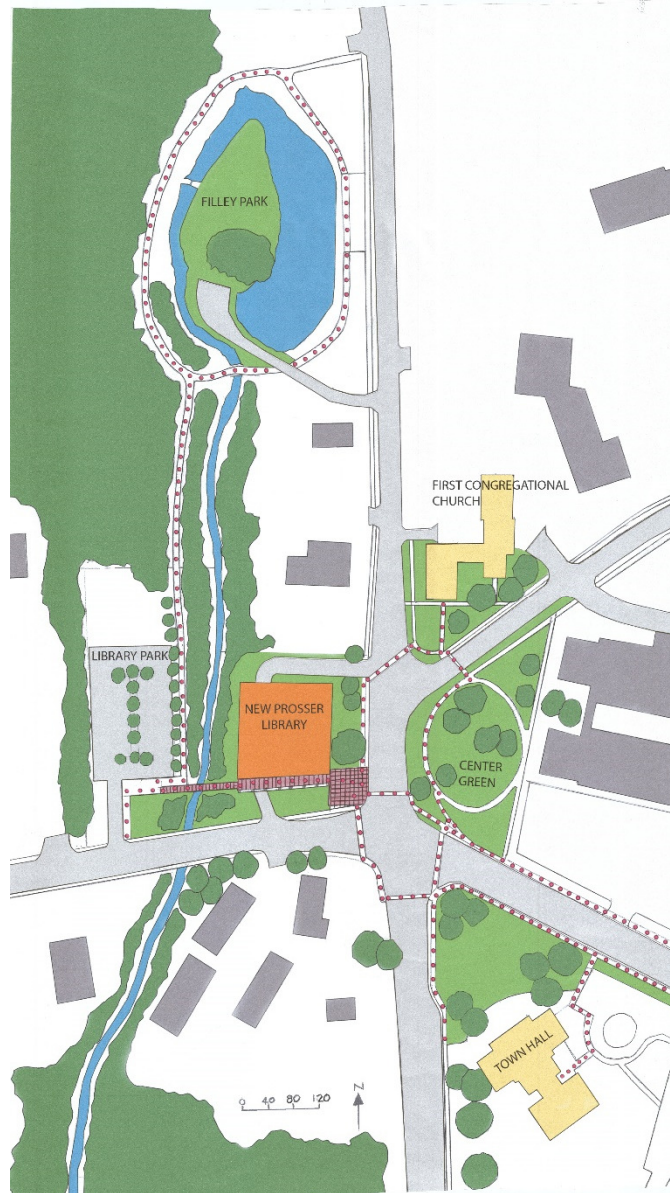
Bloomfield Public Library
Bloomfield, Connecticut
Site Options Budget Analysis
February 8, 2021

- A. Construction Cost
- B. Other Costs
- C. Owner's Proj Contingency (10%)
- D. TOTAL PROJECT COST (A + B + C) in 2023 dollars

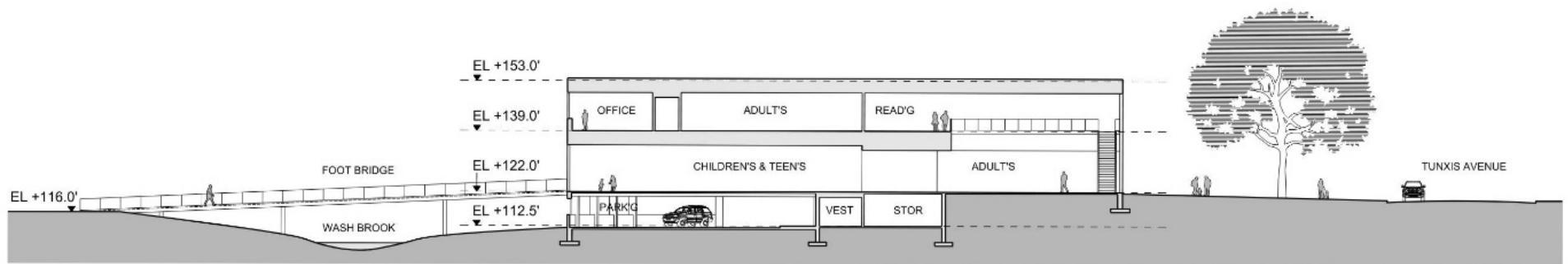
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	Prosser New Building	Prosser Addition & Renovation	Town Hall 2-Story, Stand Alone	Town Hall 3-Story, Attached	McMahon New Building	McMahon Addition & Renovation	Wintonbury Mall New Building	2016 Prosser Study Addition & Renovation
Building Area	35,800 sf	37,200 sf	35,800 sf	36,500 sf	35,800 sf	12,000 sf	35,800 sf	37,309 sf
Site Disturbance	3.5 A	3.5 A	3.7 A	3.7 A	1.5 A	1.1 A	2.8 A	3.5 A
	15.7	15.4	15.5	15.8	15.5	3.9	15.7	15.4
	5.4	5.4	4.5 *	4.5 *	4.5 *	2.0	4.5 **	5.4
	2.1	2.1	2.0	2.0	2.0	0.6	2.0	2.1
	23.2	22.9	22.0 *	22.3 *	22 *	6.5	22.2 **	22.9
			*Excludes Disposition of Prosser	*Excludes Disposition of Prosser	*Excludes Disposition of Prosser		**Excludes Disposition of Prosser and Excludes Acquisition of Mall	Costs escalated 1.13 from 2019 to 2023

Prosser Studies

Prosser Conceptual Site Plan



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CROSS SECTION THROUGH SITE

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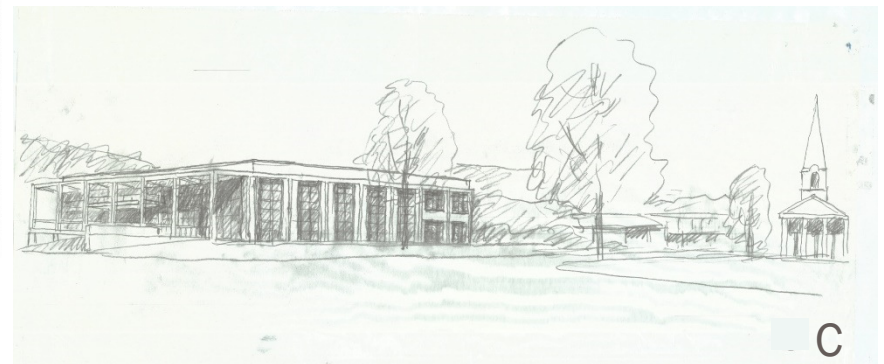
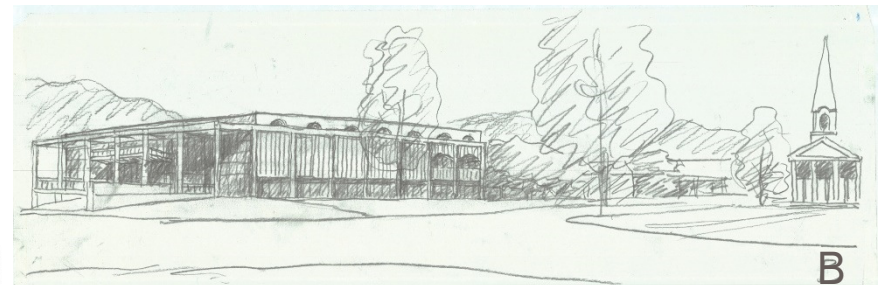
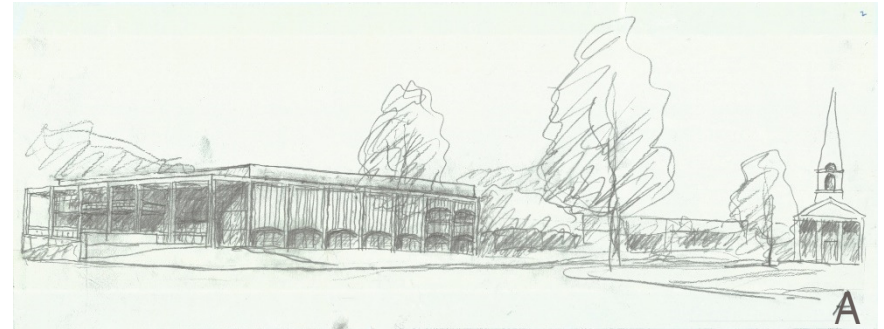
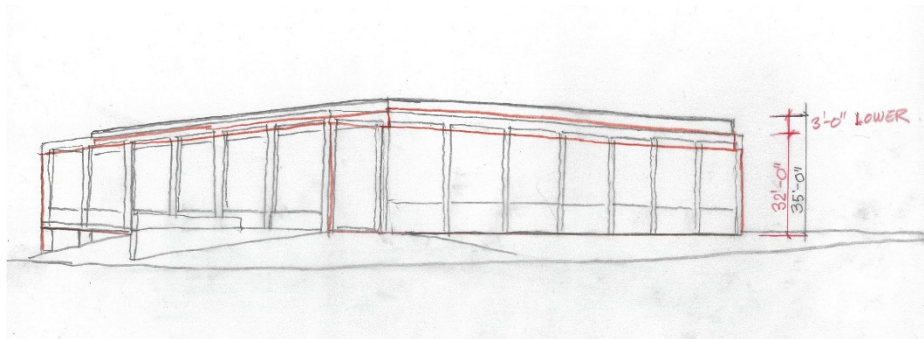


Existing View of Prosser from Town Hall

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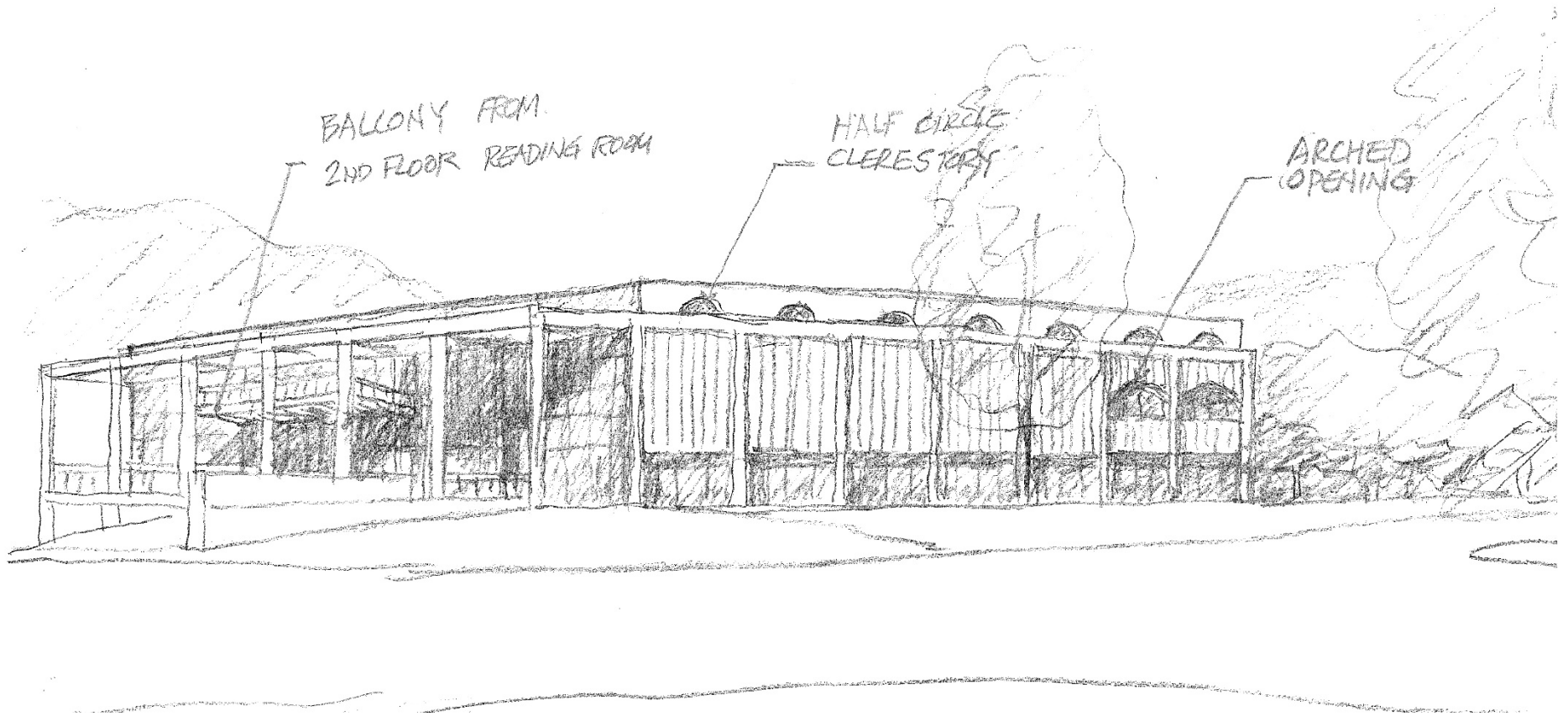
Additional Sketch Studies in Response to Comments

- Reduce Scale
- Articulate Exterior
- Add Arched Openings
- Add Balcony
- Add Smaller Scale Elements
- Add Arched Clerestory Windows
- Add Variety in Reading Room Windows
- Traditional Colonnade
- Add Tall Windows

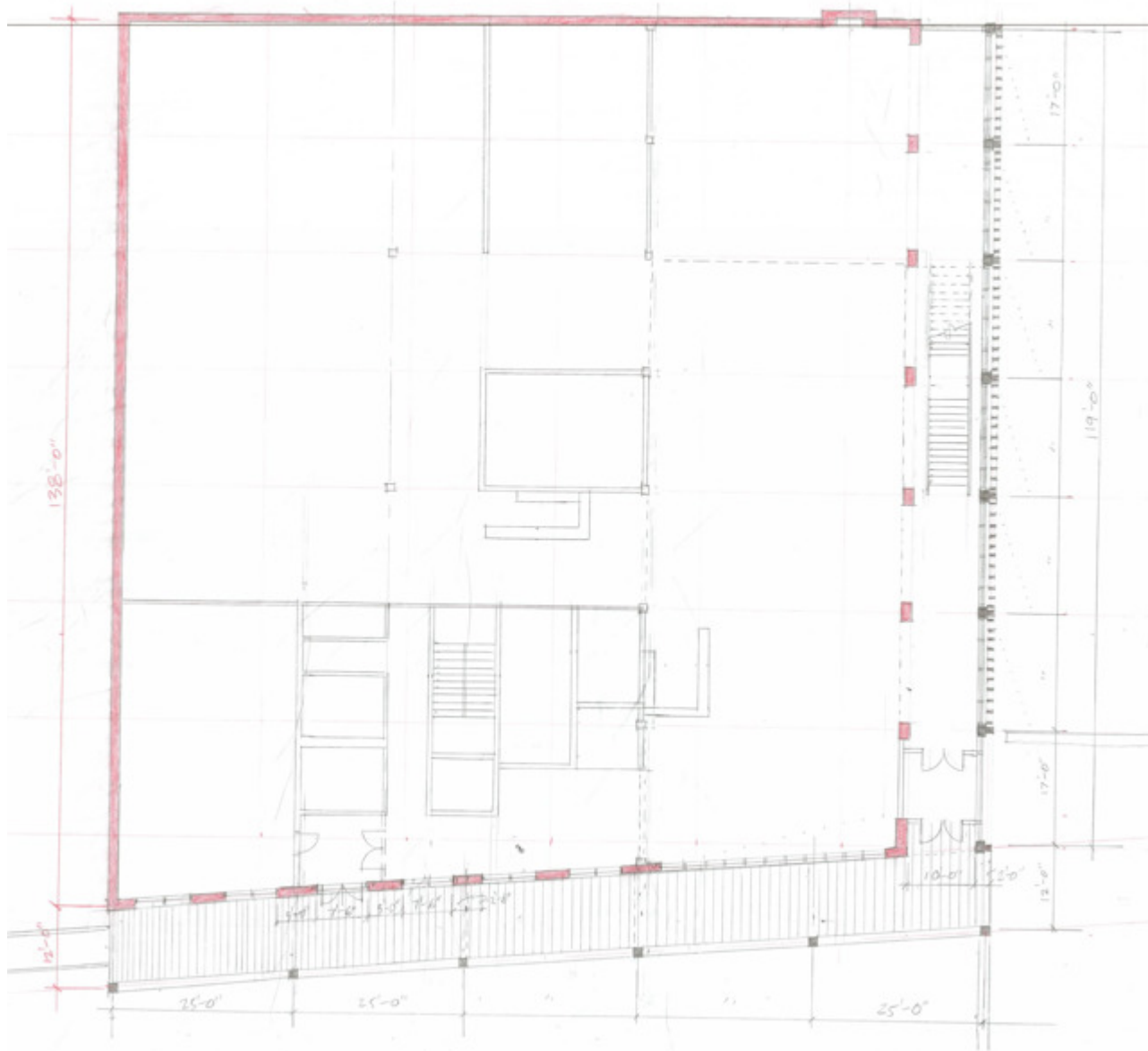


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Additional Exterior Studies – Option B Features



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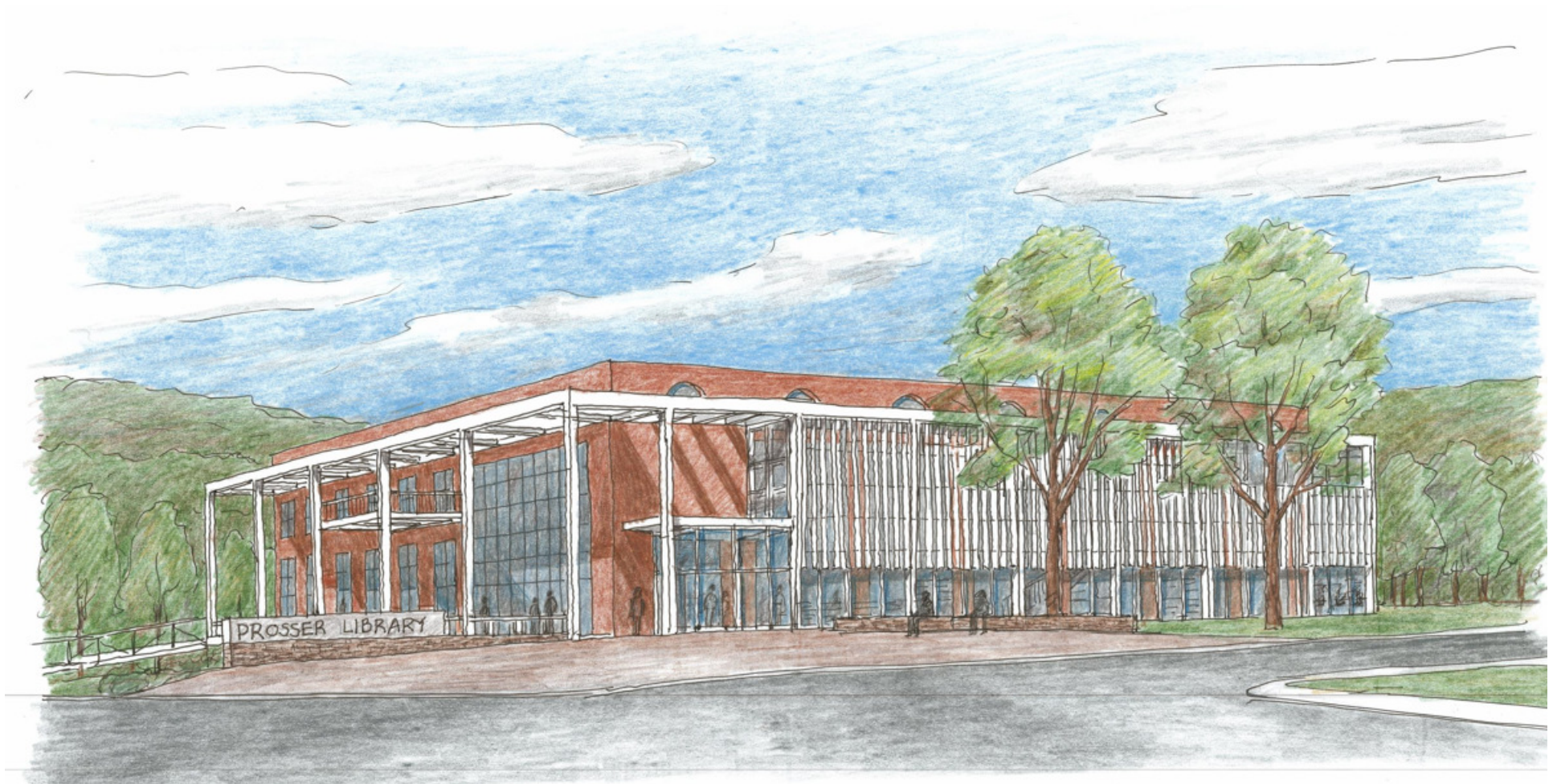
New Prosser Diagram

New Concept:

- Brick building with white screens on the east and south sides.
- Main entrance located between brick building and east side screen.

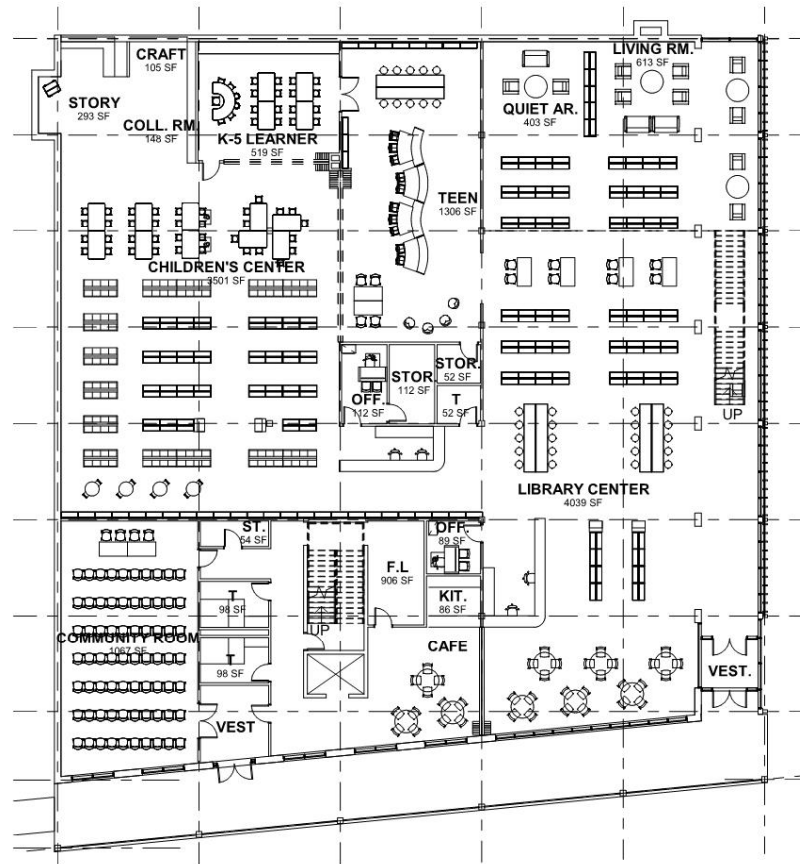
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New Prosser Rendering



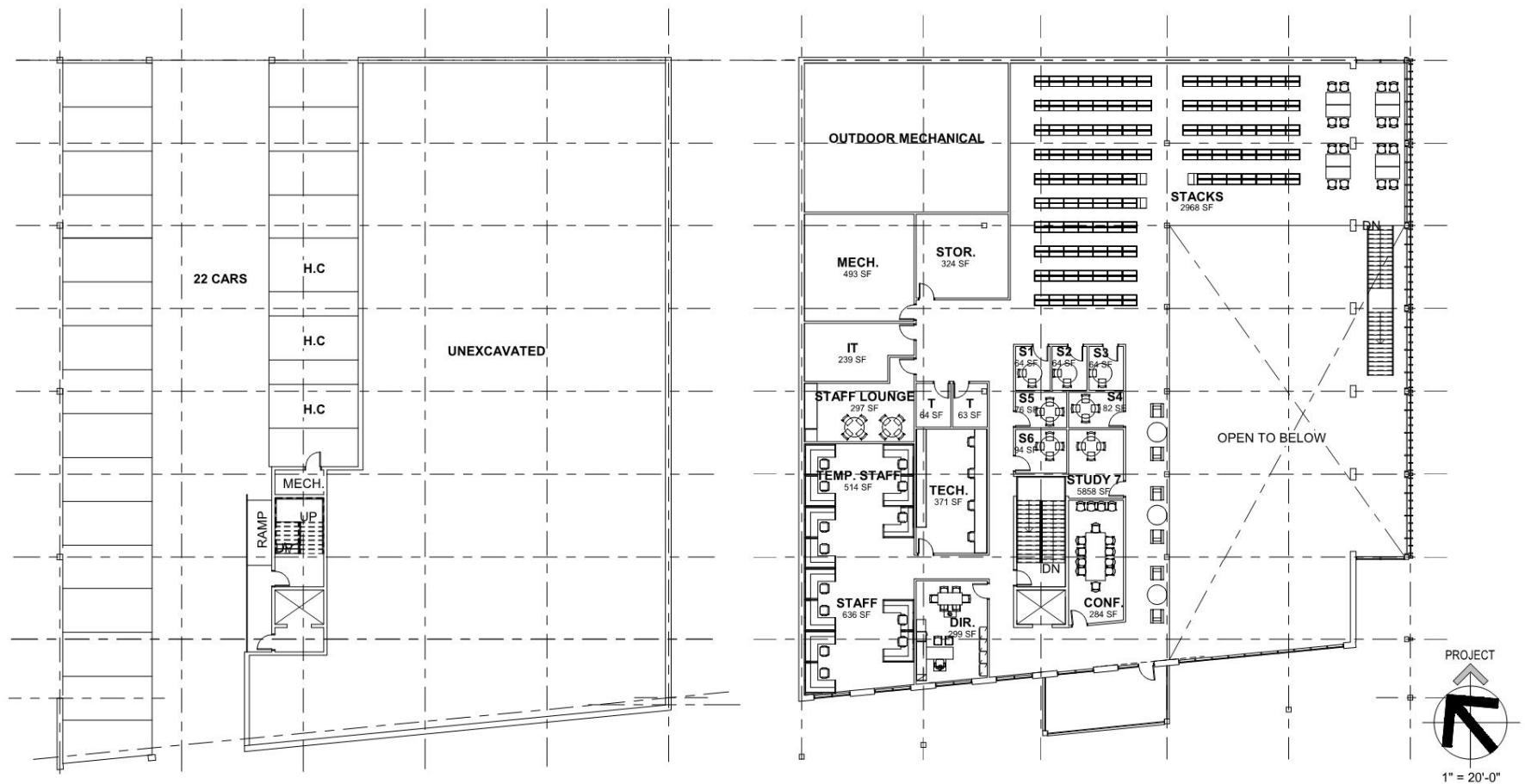
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New Prosser First Floor Plan



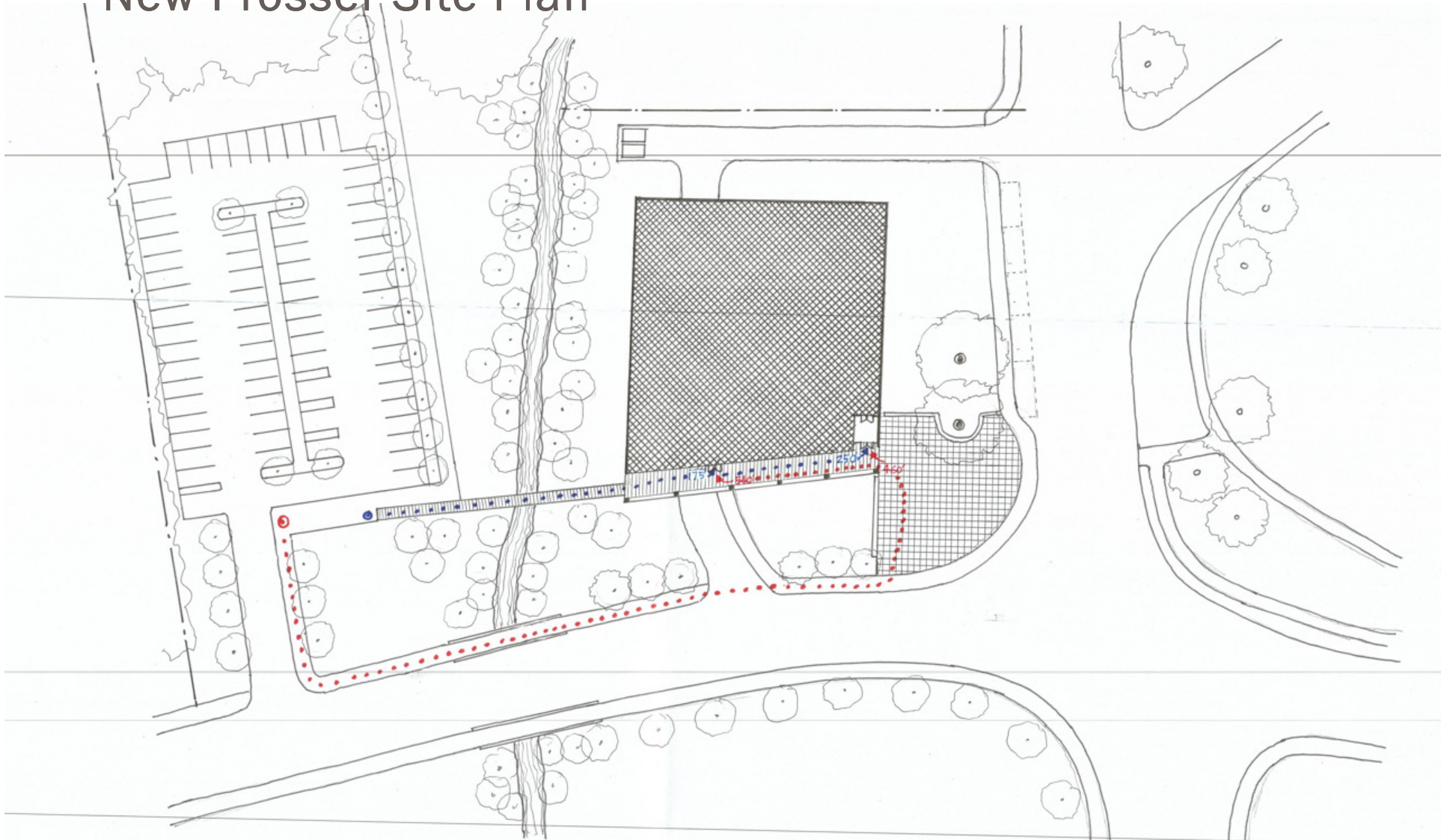
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New Prosser Lower Level and Second Floor Plan



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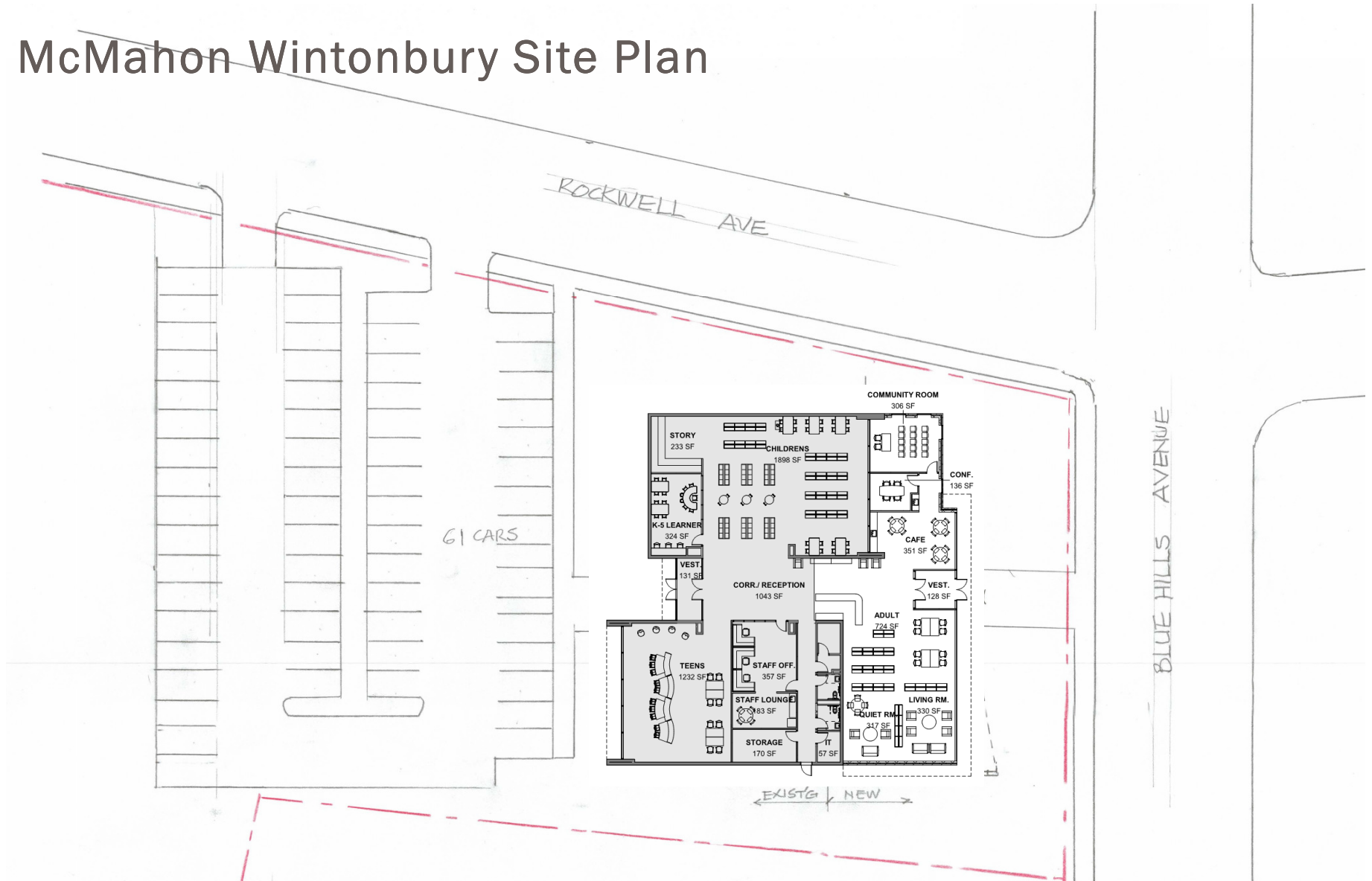
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McMahon Wintonbury View from Blue Hills Ave.



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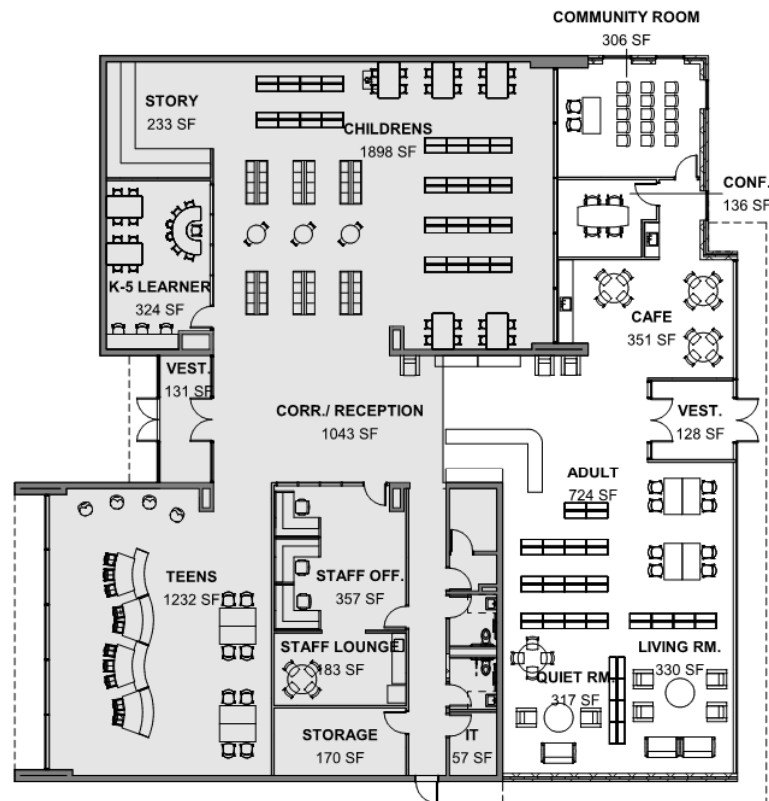
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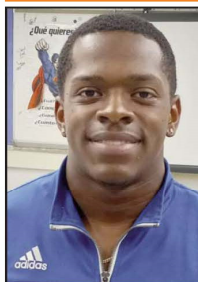
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Dallas Rose



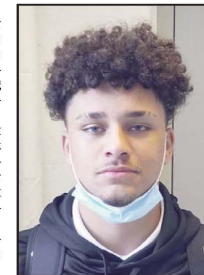
Shane Bell

By Woordow Dixon

Last Friday evening October 8, the Bloomfield Warhawks football team (5-0) picked up its fifth straight victory of the season in demolishing visiting CCC TIER 3 opponent Avon 55-7.

Bloomfield quarterback Darrien Foster posted his best performance of the season tossing five touchdown passes for 220 yards while running back Dallas Rose scored three rushing touchdowns.

Foster started his five touchdown evening after the Warhawks defense forced an



Darrien Foster

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VOTE ROW A

DEMOCRATS FOR TOWN COUNCIL



Councilman Rickford Kinton



Councilwoman Danielle DW Wong



Dr. Anthony "Tony" Harrington



Attorney Greg Davis



Former Councilman Kenneth L. McClary



Mayor Suzette DeBeatham-Brown



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Together as a team we are focused on:

- **Expanding Services:** To our seniors, youth and all residents. Enhance the quality of life, economic and physical security while ensuring equity and inclusion for all.
- **Education:** ensure that every child, regardless of the household that they live, attend a school that is safe, well-funded, and ready to meet their needs, work and partner with the Board of Education to support the education of high-quality curriculum to attract new students.
- **Infrastructure & Development:** revitalize Williamson Hill, build a 21st century library system and complete the Town Hall Project and Hill and Pearl Road. Work with economic development staff to develop a long-term plan that attracts new businesses and maintains the town's existing infrastructure without affecting the character of the town.
- **Economy & Finance:** ensure sustainable economic growth and job creation while maintaining balanced budgets and low tax rates.
- **Environment:** sustainability, stewardship while protecting the health and safety of residents.

Paid by Bloomfield Democratic Town Committee; Shawn Samuels-Treasurer

The Headline: “Opportunity For Bloomfield To Have Libraries It Deserves”

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"The LBC believes that the proposed project would address the concerns raised by the public about BPL's future. It would increase the size of our

library system and our ability to improve and deliver services that people want from their library," said BPL Director Elizabeth Lane.

Learn more about Bloomfield's library building project, social justice mission statement, recently updated strategic plan, register to vote, and more at bplct.org. The public is invited to attend Library Board and Library Building Committee meetings. All meetings are open to the public.

What Happens After Referendum?

